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UNITY IN DIVERSITY

“Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We *Journey with St. Joseph*”

Pastor: Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Nerie Bernal
Custodian: Allan Cobham

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Finance Council
Children’s Liturgy	Girl Guides
Collection Counters	
Communion to the Sick	<i>If you feel called to</i>
Lectors & Eucharistic	<i>serve the church</i>
Ministries	<i>through any of these</i>
Social Action Committee	<i>ministries, please call</i>
Parish Council	<i>the parish office.</i>

St. Vincent de Paul Society:
The Knights of Columbus: www.kofc9079.com

St. Joseph Catholic School:
Principal: David Comacchio
Phone: 416-393-5209

MASS TIMES:

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, & Thursday	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage:

Please contact the office to begin the process of preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday before the vigil mass or on request anytime.

Ministry to and Anointing of the Sick:

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, hospital or in a nursing home so that we can minister to them.

New members please register at the office.

Hall Rental: Please contact **Margaret MacDonald** at 416-463-8638

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The Gift of Acceptance

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Acceptance and responsibility are the keys to peace of mind as well as success. "Who stops us from being free? We blame the government, we blame the weather, we blame our parents, we blame religion, we blame God. Yet who really stops us from being free? We stop ourselves." – Miguel Ruiz.

The only way to have real power in our lives is to take responsibility for them – to own and even claim whatever happens in the situations we are dealing with. That doesn't mean that we can control everything that happens to us, that everything that happens is our fault, or even that we condone all that other people do or say. These statements stem from notions of should, good, fair, and bad... a world we leave when we explore the true nature of responsibility.

The kind of responsibility I'm talking about is not about should, good, or bad. It is not about fair or unfair. It is not about right and wrong. It is about accepting things the way they are, and the way they are not. Nothing more. If you look at what most of us do, however, we not only don't accept... we come up with a whole drama around what it means that things happened a certain way: We are who we are because our mother did this bad thing... we don't have what we want in life or love because of that wrong and unfair situation.

Certainly, what happens to us in life has an impact. But to blame other people and life for why things aren't working after– and often, *long* after– the fact is not about dealing with the impact. In these situations, we are allowing blame to disempower us by using it as an excuse to not fight for what it is we say that we want, *regardless* of the circumstances, *regardless* of what people do, *regardless* of what happened and happens to us. When we accept all that has come before– that it simply is– we cut the cord of "because."

Through acceptance, we not only clear the past, but all of the reasons and the excuses that have prevented us from moving forward and getting what we want as well. We're then in a position of tremendous power, one in which we are free to take inspired and relentless action in our careers, relationships, and lives until we either get what we want or feel at peace that we have given it our absolute best shot. ***"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7). Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza,***



REMEMBERING

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

making a charitable Bequest:

Having a properly made will is one

of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained. By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come. For more information, please call the Parish office of St. Joseph Church : 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

The Week Ahead :

May 01: Memorial: St. Joseph the Worker

May 02: Memorial: St. Athanasius, Bishop & doctor of the Church

May 03: Memorial: St. Philip & James, Apostles

May 04: Memorial: National Day of Prayer

May 05: Memorial: May Friendship Day

Online Faith Formation Study Opportunity:

In partnership with the University of Dayton in Ohio, the Archdiocese of Toronto is offering a discounted rate for the upcoming cycle of online courses and seminars offered by the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton. Courses and certificate programs are on a variety of topics related to our Catholic faith.

The next cycle of courses and seminars run from May 22 to June 25, 2023. You can download a list of courses and seminars in both English and Spanish. Course topics include but are not limited to: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Blessed Virgin Mary, Introduction to Prayer, Faith and Human Development, Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation, Sacraments and much more!

Registration for this cycle closes on May 17, 2023. The discounted rate for a five-week course is \$50 (USD) and each three-week seminar is \$40 (USD). For more information or if you have any questions on this opportunity to learn and grow in faith, please feel free to reach out to the Office of Formation for Discipleship at formation@archtoronto.org.



ShareLife Sunday collection on

April 30 & June 04. Thank you for

your generous contribution. God Bless.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For May 2023:

For Church Movements & Groups: We pray that Church movements & groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Sacrament of Confirmation:

Confirmation celebration will be on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Officiated by Rev. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB



Mother's Day Basket : May 14

Raffle tickets are available before & after the weekend masses. \$ 5.00

Father's Day: June 18

BBQ after the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass.

Pub Night with Karaoke: July 22

Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner & Dance: August 26

Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BBQ : September 24: after the Sunday 10 a.m. mass

International Food Festival: Oct 29:

after the Sunday 10 a.m. mass



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

April 22-23, 2023: \$ 817.45

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Thanks to all our volunteers for their commitment and to our benefactors for your continued support. Kindly contribute through Pre Authorized Giving. Forms are available in the foyer.



Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079 for their continued support. God Bless You.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 30

10:00 am † Johnwell & Antonio Salvador

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

Monday, May 01 : No Mass

Tuesday, May 02

9:00 am Birthday Blessings For the Gift of Life to Eron & EJ Toledo

Req. Jovy Toledo & Family

Wednesday, May 03

7:00 pm

Thursday, May 04

9:00 am Thanksgiving Intentions

Req. Jovy Toledo & Family

Friday, May 05

7:00 pm :

Saturday, May 06

5:00 pm For the Intention of St. Joseph Parish Community



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